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Strange and Wonderful
PROPHECY,
Pointing out the
Glorious Success
OF
GREAT BRITAIN

Under the Victorious Arms of his present Ma-
jesty King *WILLIAM* the Third.

Found in the Commentaries on the *Revelations* of St. John
the Evangelist, with some Explanations on the Particulars,
to give the Reader an insight as to what may seem dark
or obscure, and other matters highly worthy our serious
Consideration in the present Juncture of Affairs.

With a PRAYER, or suitable Wishes for the fulfilling this
Prophecy, in the Glory of his Majesties future Success.

*And the Lord said, shall I hide from Abraham that thing
which I do? Gen. 18. v. 17.*

*Iam furor humanum vestro de pectore sensum
Expulit, & sacrum spirant praeludia Phœbum.*

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PROPHECY.

READER, We impose nothing new to startle your most serious Considerations, when we tell you that Presages, Prophecies, or Predictions in almost all the Ages of the World, have been held Emphatical, not only in the Jewish Church, but by different Nations that were without its Pail; the Ancients relied upon them, as the sense of Oracles committed sundry ways to the minds of contemplative Men; as to a Divine Closet, from whence by the Organical Instruments of the Voice, or by Writing, they might be communicated to others, and spread abroad to give an insight of future things, and in some measure make men sensible what should happen many years after. *Jacob* foretold the future Success of the Twelve Tribes; and *Joseph* his Son was so confident of their Deliverance, that he laid an Obligation on them, that they should take with them his Bones when they went out of *Egypt*, assigning them the time, as near as the Computation of time will admit in Sacred Record, when they should be delivered from the power of the *Egyptian* Kings, *Cyrus*, King of *Persia* and *Media*, was named by the Pro-

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phet to release the Captivity of the Children of *Israel*, carried away by the *Babylonians* and *Chaldeans*, about an hundred years before it came to pass. And all along in Sacred Writ we find many Prophecies fulfilled; and others there recorded that are not as yet fulfilled. *Alexander* the Great's Conquests in *Asia* were foretold by *Daniel* long before they came to pass, or many years before he was born or thought on; and the *Greek Empire* was described under the Figure or Simile of a He-Goat, which overcame the *Ram*, pushing divers ways, signifying, according to the interpretation of the Learned and most Curious in these Mysteries, *Darius* Emperor of *Media* and *Persia*, who then stretched his proud Scepter almost over all *Asia*, and lost his Life and Empire in contending with *Alexander* King of *Macedon*. Many other Transactions and Affairs that have happed in Empires, Kingdoms, and States we might mention, which for brevities sake are here omitted, tho' long foretold. The *Romans* held the Prophecies of the *Sybilis* so Sacred, that none but the Priests or *Flamines* were allowed to repeat them; and the wondering People were amazed at their strange Events; But to come closer, why may not minds of later dates, strangely inspired by a Superiour Influence, point at our present Affairs, and describe the Person perhaps long since allotted or appointed by Heaven for our Deliverer, delineating the Glorious Success of his Arms and Conduct in the description of his Person? For it in many Circumstances falls exactly upon his present Majesty King *William* and has hitherto given us no doubt of its meaning, though Penn'd by all conjecture some hundred years past, and miraculously found out and communicated not only to this, but other Nations; giving us more especially a pregnant hope of Successes and *Victories* abroad. And seeing it has been contemplated and quoted by the most Learned and Judicious Authors when they came in any manner to treat of things of this nature, we shall

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first *Revelation* insert it; and then proceed as far as we conceive it will conveniently bear, to give our Judgment on it as to its Interpretation.

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strious Lily, having a long Forehead, high Brow, fierce
Eyes, and an Eagle's Nose. He shall gather a great Army, and
destroy all the Tyrants of his Kingdom. And slay all that hide
themselves in Caves and Mountains from his Face. For Righteous
just shall be joyed into him as the Bridegroom to the Bride:
With them he shall wage War, even unto the Fourth Year, bring-
ing into subjection the Islanders, Spaniards, and Italians: Rome
and Florence shall be destroyed and burnt with Fire, so that
Salt may be sowed on that Land. The greatest Clergy-Men, who
have invaded Peter's Chair, shall put to death; and in the same
Year obtain a double Crown. At last, going over Sea with a great
Army he shall enter Greece, and be named King of the Greeks:
The Turks, and Barbarians he shall subdue, making an Edict
That every one shall give the death that worshipeth not the exal-
ted One, and none shall be found able to resist him, because
an Holy Arm from the Lord shall be with him: he shall possess the
Dominion of the Earth. These things being done, he shall be called
the Rest of Holy Christians. Thus far the Prophecy, as we find
it recited by Daniel Pareus in his Commentaries on the Revela-
tions, by Mr. Lilly, the famous English Astrologer, in his
Stupendous and Mysterious Hieroglyphicks, and in the
Works of other Learned Men. *His error is notable and*
it remains then that we cautiously consider what may
reasonably be gathered from this or manifest his error
And first, *There shall arise a King out of the Nation of*
the Most Illustrious Lily. We all know that King Charles
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the First of *England* married *Henrieta Maria* Daughter to *Henry* the Fourth of *France*; and that the *Illustrious Princess* ——— Daughter to King *Charles*, was Mother to his present Majesty, and so he may be said to arise out of the most *Illustrious Nation* of the *Lily*, that Flower being the Arms and Cognizance of *France*.

Secondly, *Having a High Forehead, High Brows, Pierce Eyes, and an Eagle's*, or as we term it, a *Roman Nose*. This we leave to the consideration of those skilled in *Physiognomy*, who have given themselves the Happiness of seeing his Majesty, to make their judgment on the *Parallel* or *Likeness*. But by the way, it may otherwise be supposed, the *Eagle* being the Cognizance of the *German Empire*, that word may denote a Prince nearly Allied to it, and so it happens, his Predecessors making there a considerable Figure, as being one of the most *Illustrious Houses*, &c.

Thirdly, *He shall gather a great Army, and destroy all the Tyrants of his Kingdom*. This seems properly attributed to the late Revolution. As for the *Army*, the matter is plain; but as to the destroying the *Tyrants*, it may be taken for the putting to Flight, driving out, and bringing to Justice those that by sinister and unwarrantable ways oppressed the People, and went about by Force and Violence to betray our Laws and Liberties, &c. And the meaning of *Slaying* may be supposed depriving them of their Power to do Mischief, and frustrating them in their wicked Designs.

Fourthly, *And Slay all that fly, and hide themselves in Mountains and Caves from his Face*. This may be alluded to the late Glorious Victories and Successes in *Ireland* over the Rebels and Rapparees, who have been forced to sculk about in Caves and Mountains to save themselves; yet many have been slain that have so fled from his Face, in hopes of shelter there.

Fifthly,

Fifthly, *For Righteousness shall be joyned to him as the Bridegroom to the Bride.* This is plain and inseparable from all his Actions, since he appear'd in any active Figure on the Stage of the World, of which we might give innumerable instances, but many of late appearing perspicuous, it may be looked upon as needless.

Sixthly, *With them he shall wage War, even unto the Fortieth Year.* This we must leave to a relying upon the credit of the Prophecy, and the glorious Advantages expected from so long a War under a Prince on whose Arms Victory has leisure to wait. As to what follows, *In bringing into Subjection the Islanders, Spaniards and Italians:* It does not appear, but as he won the first by Love, and was approved by their choice, so the two last may be said to be subjected, by being in a League of Amity with him, in Confederating against the common Enemies, the *French King and Turk*, the present Threatners and Disturbers of Christendom.

Seventhly, *Rome and Florence shall be destroyed and burnt with Fire, so that Salt may be sowed in that Land.* This may be taken in some sense two ways; either by actually laying those places desolate, or by abolishing the *Romish Religion* there predominant, and re-establish the purity of the Gospel, by sowing there the true Seed of God's Word: For the Apostles in the Scripture are called by our Blessed Saviour, *the Salt of the Earth*, so that we must leave it doubtful. And indeed by what follows, it may signify an abolition of the *Popish Clergy*, viz. 'The greatest Clergy-men who have invaded *Peter's Chair* he shall put to Death; or perhaps, to be more moderate, despoil them of their Power and Grandure usurped and exercised over their Fellow-Christians. As for his obtaining in the same year a double Crown, it may happen by adding another Kingdom to the rest of his Dominions, in despoiling the Pope of his Temporal Territories in *Italy*. As for the rest of the Prophecy.

phesy it needs no explanation, and these only remain: Our Wishes, that it may be fulfilled, as God in his good time shall see, fit to spread under the Conquest and Conquering Arms of our Conquering Monarchy, the Progress and Glory of the *British Empire* to the ends of the Earth, and many and

in answer to a petition upon the 27th of Nov. 1701. We must leave to a rising upon the 27th of Nov. 1701.

A Suitable PRAYER for the fulfilling of this Prophecy in His Majesties future Success.

O Lord God, Glorious and Almighty, on whom alone depends the Success of all our Affairs, and in whose hands are the Balances of all the Kingdoms of the Earth, make known thy Power to thy Servants against the Power and Arms of those that rise up against us; and inspire us with thy Christian Zeal to prevail against our professed Enemies, that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus may now effectually vanquish Error, Superstition, Atheism, and Profaneness, so that the Vine which thine own Right Hand has planted may spread Her Branches to the ends of the World. Let thy Right Hand and Immediate Providence protect and support thy Servant and our Dread Sovereign in all His Undertakings, by crowning him with Victories and Success, and in all Dangers spread thy sheltering Wings over him, so that nothing turned against him for his hurt may prosper. O let him see thy Power upon his Enemies, and keep him in perpetual safety, that he may be a Comfort and Refuge to his People, crowned here with Victory and Honour, and hereafter with an Incomprehensible Crown of Glory, make him the Joy of these Kingdoms in fulfilling their hopes, and a President of Justice to succeeding Generations. Amen.

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